

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHMENT)
OF TEMPORARY CHILD SUPPORT)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2000-021

In order to ensure that children are adequately supported financially, parties filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children or a Petition for Legal Separation with Children are required to complete a Child Support Information form. This form includes information, which is required to calculate child support pursuant to the Arizona Child Support Guidelines. This form shall be filed as a separate document at the time of filing the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation. Upon service of process, the responding party has 20 days in Arizona or 30 days out of state to file a response. If no response is filed, or if the response does not specifically contest child support issues, a Temporary Child Support Order shall be entered based on available information. If the responding party contests the Petitioner's information on the Child Support Information form, or if the Petitioner's form is incomplete based on a lack of knowledge about the Respondent's income, the responding party may file a Respondent's Child Support Information form. The Respondent may also file a separate response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation. If the response contests child support issues or the Family Support Center is unable to calculate a child support award based on the financial information on the form, a hearing or para-judicial conference shall be scheduled depending on the nature of the response.

Policies and procedures for implementation of this Administrative Order are set forth in the Court's Policies and Procedures Regarding Temporary Child Support, dated April 17, 2000.

IT IS ORDERED that all Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage with Children and Petitions for Legal Separation with Children shall include the Child Support Information form. This form shall be filed as a separate document at the time of filing the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation. The Petitioner shall serve on the Respondent a blank Respondent's Child Support Information form along with the Petition for Dissolution or Separation and the Child Support Information form. If a response is filed specifically contesting the Petitioner's information or the Petitioner's form is incomplete based on a lack of knowledge about the Respondent's income, the responding party may file a Respondent's Child Support Information form. The Respondent may also file a separate response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation. If a response is not filed or the response does not contest child support issues, a Temporary Child Support Order and Order of Assignment shall be entered based on available information. If the response contests child support issues or the Family Support Center is unable to calculate a child support award based on the financial information on the form, a hearing or para-judicial conference may be scheduled depending on the nature of the response.

During a para-judicial conference, the Family Support Center may memorialize any agreements of the parties as to support, custody, or parent/child access.

If a party fails to appear at their hearing or conference, the hearing or conference may proceed, income may be imputed to that party, and a child support order and Order of Assignment may be entered based on available information.

If both parties fail to appear, a child support order and Order of Assignment may be entered based on available information. Reasonable parent/child access may be imputed to the appropriate parent.

To the extent applicable, IT IS ORDERED incorporating herein by reference Administrative Order 99-055, in the matter of the Promulgation and Publication of revised plan for Expedited Process.

Temporary child support shall not be ordered pursuant to this Administrative Order if a Petition for Order to Show Cause Re: Temporary Orders or a stipulation not to proceed under the temporary child support project is filed no later than twenty (20) days after the filing of the Affidavit or Acceptance of Service of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children or Petition for Legal Separation with Children and the Child Support Information form.

This order is effective July 1, 2000, and applies to Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage with Children and Petitions for Legal Separation with Children filed on or after the effective date.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Honorable Mark W. Armstrong
Presiding Family Court Department Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court